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April 13, 2010

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

#32 APRIL 13, 2010

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**INTERSTATE 5/HASLEY CANYON ROAD LANDSCAPING IMPROVEMENTS IN THE
UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF CASTAIC
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES-STATE OF CALIFORNIA
AGREEMENT FOR MAINTENANCE OF LANDSCAPE AREA
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to negotiate and enter into an agreement with the State of California, acting by and through its Department of Transportation, for the installation and maintenance of landscape improvements within State Highway right of way, in the vicinity of the Interstate 5/Hasley Canyon Road interchange in the unincorporated community of Castaic.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to negotiate and enter into an agreement with the State of California, acting by and through its Department of Transportation, for the installation and maintenance of landscape improvements within State Highway right of way, in the vicinity of the Interstate 5/Hasley Canyon Road interchange in the unincorporated community of Castaic, with the installation cost to be financed by Newhall Land and Farming Company and the annual maintenance cost to be financed by the County of Los Angeles through the Fifth Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to negotiate and enter into an agreement, in a form approved by County Counsel, with the State of California, acting by and through its Department of Transportation, providing for the County of Los Angeles (County) to access State owned property to implement the project and maintain the proposed improvements.

The proposed project includes the installation and maintenance of irrigation, fence, and landscape improvements in the vicinity of the Interstate I-5(I/5)/Hasley Canyon Road interchange in the unincorporated community of Castaic.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). The proposed project will enhance the aesthetics of the area, thereby improving the quality of life of County residents.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The installation of the landscape improvements, estimated at \$500,000, will be financed by developer, Newhall Land and Farming Company (Newhall). Upon completion of the project, the County will maintain the proposed improvements. The annual maintenance cost is estimated to be \$15,000, which is included in the Fifth Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Road Fund Budget. Costs associated with the future maintenance of the landscape improvements will be requested through the annual budget process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Under the terms of the proposed County–State agreement, the County will be granted authority to access State-owned property to implement the project and maintain the improvements.

Section 130 of the California Streets and Highways Code provides that the State and the County may enter into agreements for improvements to State highways within the County.

The agreement will be reviewed and approved by County Counsel prior to formal execution.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15301(c) and 15304(b) of the CEQA guidelines and Class 1(x), Subsections 13, 22, and Class 4(c) of the Environmental Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by the Board on November 17, 1987. These exemptions provide for minor alteration of existing public facilities, installation of sprinkler systems, and new landscaping.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended action will improve the quality of life for the residents of the unincorporated community of Castaic by enhancing the aesthetics of the area of the interchange of the I-5/Hasley Canyon Road.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail Farber". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

GAIL FARBER
Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)
County Counsel
Executive Office